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Capital Area Recycling and Trash Newsletter
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"Proud to receive City of Lansing Awards for Recycling Program Excellence. Pictured from left to right, Chad Gamble, Chief Operating Officer, Lori Welch, Environmental Specialist, Mayor Virg Bernero."

LANSING RECEIVES RECYCLING ACCOLADES

The City of Lansing is proud to announce that it was recognized in May by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Recycling Coalition for excellence in recycling!

Department of
Environmental Quality
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PICKING APART THE TRASH

During a recent waste audit we took a look at what City residents are throwing in the trash. The purpose of taking an in depth look at the trash was to get an understanding of what materials residents are throwing in the trash that could have been recycled either at the curb or through other local programs such as Ingham County's household hazardous waste collection events.



The waste audit indicates that Lansing residents are recycling well and points to areas where we can make improvement. Page 7 of this issue provides details about the most commonly trashed recyclables and questionable materials like polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) and plastic bags.

Check out the Waste Audit Video at <https://vimeo.com/131218999>



TOP 4 COMMONLY TRASHED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



1. PAPER



2. PLASTICS



3. CLOTHING & TEXTILES



4. FOOD WASTE

CART Hotline: (517) 483-4400

E-Mail: recycle@lansingmi.gov

Website: www.lansingrecycles.com

Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper
& gift wrapping paper



Cartons



#1-#2 and #4-#7 Plastic containers
(no Styrofoam)



Aluminum & Metal Cans

Newspapers,
Magazines,
Brochures &
Inserts



Paperboard boxes
(cereal, pasta, & tissue)



Corrugated cardboard &
Paper bags



Household scrap metal

NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps,
address labels, staples,
metal fasteners,
cellophane address
windows, rubber bands,
spiral bindings, plastic tabs

Empty and rinse all containers.

Everything, including cardboard,
must fit inside cart with lid closed.

**Please follow these guidelines
and set your cart out by 7:00 am.**



Use your smartphone
to scan this QR code
and visit us online @
lansingrecycles.com



www.lansingrecycles.com



Phonebooks

Greeting cards,
regular &
junk mail



Glass bottles & jars
(all colors)



Bulky Rigid Plastic
(buckets, chairs, toys)

NO

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam containers
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors,
ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and
food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell
phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- #3 Plastics



Virg Bernero, Mayor

Recycling & Yard Waste Information



Place all items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. Carts must be off the curb within 24 hours.



Recycling Cart Collection

Recycling cart must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day and **MUST** be removed within 24 hours. Collection is bi-weekly. *Refer to calendar and map on pages 5 & 6 for your schedule.*

No need to sort materials. Place all loose recyclables in green cart. *See the Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling on page 2.*

Have recyclables that won't fit inside the recycling cart? Put extra recyclables in a paper bag or cardboard box and place them next to the green cart. Please do not use plastic bins or totes. They will be picked up and recycled.

Seasonal Yard Waste Collection

Ends the week of Dec. 7th, 2015



Place leaves and grass clippings on the curbside in paper bags on your normal collection day.

Don't use City of Lansing trash bags, blue carts or private waste hauler carts for yard clippings.

Paper lawn care bags are available at most grocery & hardware stores.

Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. **Please, NO wire.**

Please limit all bags and bundles to no more than 30 pounds.

Give Backyard Composting a Try

There is an easy, natural way to deal with leaves, grass clippings, food waste and other organic materials. A backyard compost pile is a great way to handle these materials in your yard, with minimal work and maximum benefit.

When these materials decompose, they break down and turn into a valuable, nutrient rich material that can be added to the lawn and garden.

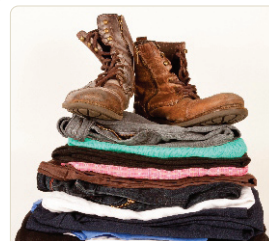
Get started with CART's free information packet to learn how to maintain a backyard compost pile. Call **483-4400** or email recycle@lansingmi.gov to request your free packet.

simplerecycling Curbside pickup of Clothing and More!

With the Simple Recycling curbside pickup program, it's easy to make sure your unwanted clothing and textiles stay out of the landfill.

Use the special Simple Recycling bags to set out clothing, belts, purses, shoes, bedding, towels, curtains and stuffed animals. The complete list of acceptable items can be found at www.simplerecycling.com.

Need Simple Recycling bags? Please contact them directly at **866-835-5068** or info@simplerecycling.com.



Christmas Tree Collection

January 4th through the week of January 11th.

Christmas trees will be picked up from the curbside for two weeks, from the week of January 4th through the week of January 11th on your normal city collection day.

Trees will be recycled into mulch, so please make sure trees are free from plastic, ornaments and other materials. If taller than 6 ft, please cut in half.

Trash Disposal Information



Trash collection is every week. Place all items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb within 24 hours. Bags of trash must not exceed 30 pounds and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash.

NO hazardous waste, herbicide, pesticides, wet paint, ash or coals, gasoline, or other explosive materials. Double bag animal waste and diapers. Properly dispose of needles and lancets by placing in plastic bottle or other rigid container before putting into household trash.

Did you know that the City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for over 100 years? This makes us the leader in convenient and affordable weekly curbside pickup. Choose the option that works best for you, either blue cart or blue bag service. Our range of trash services are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

Blue Trash Cart Service

These convenient and strong blue carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will keep carts clean and minimize odors. Can't get your cart to the curb? Front door pick up is available for an additional fee each quarter.

Select the cart size that suits your needs:

[32-gallon cart](#)

\$42 for 3 months*

[65-gallon cart](#)

\$46 for 3 months*

[95-gallon cart](#)

\$52 for 3 months*

Pre-paid service billed quarterly with convenient payment options:

By Mail:

Send check or money order to:
City of Lansing, CART
601 E. South Street
Lansing, MI 48910

In Person:

City of Lansing,
Treasurer's Office –
1st floor of City Hall

Payment Drop Box:

City of Lansing, CART
601 E. South Street
Lansing, MI 48910

By Phone:

Call 483-4400

Online:

lansingrecycles.com

*Prices subject to change



Get signed up today with a quick phone call to 483-4400.



Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores at a cost of \$8.75 for a package of five 30-gallon bags (prices subject to change).

Visit www.lansingrecycles.com for complete list of locations.



Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 pounds and longer than 4 feet, such as appliances or furniture, require a bulk collection sticker. Each individual item must be tagged.

Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (*prices subject to change*).

Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents. Call 483-4400 for details.

Note: Refrigerator and freezer doors MUST be removed.



***Have Questions?
Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400***

Recycling Collection Schedule 2015-16



Recycling collection is every other week using a green or blue week schedule. Find your collection week on the Recycling Collection Map on page 6 or use the online recycling map and calendar tool at www.lansingrecycles.com.

Save this Recycling Collection Schedule to make it easy to remember when to set out your green recycling cart.

Holidays that affect collection service are marked in yellow. Collections will be delayed for those with service on the day of the holiday and the days after the holiday.

For example, when a holiday falls on a Thursday, Thursday collections will be done on Friday.

Important Dates

2015 Holidays and Important Dates:

9/7 Labor Day - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.

11/11 Veteran's Day - Office closed. No collection delay.

11/26 Thanksgiving Day - Office closed 11/26 & 11/27.
1 day collection delay.

12/24 Christmas Eve - Office closed. No collection delay.

12/25 Christmas Day - Office closed. No collection delay.

12/31 New Year's Eve - Office closed. No collection delay.

2016 Holidays and Important Dates:

1/1 New Year's Day - Office closed.
No collection delay.

1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office closed.
1 day collection delay.

2/15 President's Day - Office open. No collection delay.

3/25 Good Friday - Office closed. No collection delay.

5/30 Memorial Day - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.

7/4 Independence Day - Office closed.
1 day collection delay.

9/5 Labor Day - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.

11/24 Thanksgiving Day - Office closed 11/24 & 11/25.
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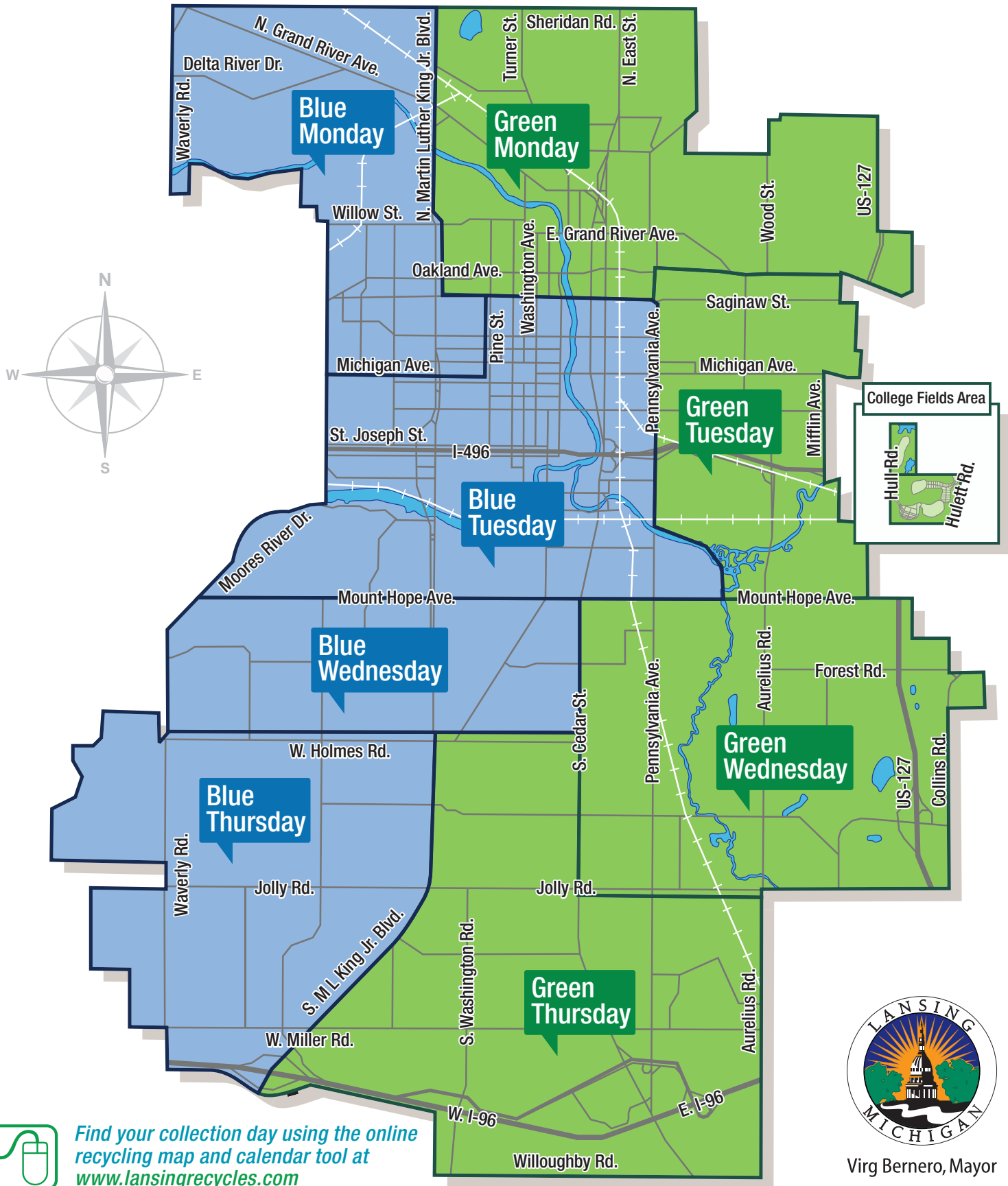
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Residential Recycling Routes



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Virg Bernero, Mayor

Recycling Details & Special Programs



Recycling Details:

A look into the trash by CART in May revealed that a large amount of paper, plastic, clothing and food are being thrown away. Details about how to keep these Top 4 items out of the trash are featured below.

PAPER

The number one recyclable item found in the waste audit was paper. Make collecting papers easy by converting small trash cans into recycling bins and placing them in rooms where paper waste is abundant. Put bins in the kitchen for boxed goods and junk mail, in the home office for printer paper, post-it notes, and envelopes, and in the bathroom for packaging from health and beauty products and toilet paper rolls.

PLASTICS

The second most trashed items were plastics. Acceptable plastics are those with a recycling symbol numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7; except for #6 polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) products like meat trays, egg cartons, take-out containers. Please, empty all contents before recycling. Also, no plastic bags of any kind as they get wrapped up in sorting machinery at the recycling plant. Other plastics to keep out of the recycling cart are drinking straws, plastic silverware, fast food cup lids, garden hoses & plastic wrap.

Drop-off Options for Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam)

Dart Container Delhi Township Foam Drop-Off
2148 Depot Street, Holt 800-457-4658
24 hours/7 days per week

Dart Container, Mason 517-676-3800 ext. 3509
Collection bins located on Howell Rd off Cedar St
Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Plastic Bag Recycling

Plastic bags are not accepted in the CART curbside recycling collection program. Drop-off collection bins can be found at major retailers like Meijer, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Target & Kohl's.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Clothing, shoes, belts, purses, rugs, blankets, sheets, curtains, and towels can be reused or recycled.

- ▶ Consider donating useable items to a local charitable organization, many will pick up from your home.
- ▶ Take advantage of convenient curbside collection provided by Simple Recycling. Torn or damaged clothing and textiles also accepted. Special green bags are provided at no cost and items are picked up on your regular recycling day. See page 3 for more information.

Hazardous Waste

The Ingham County Health Department collects household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, chemicals and oil-based paints every Thursday from 2-6 p.m., May – September. Call 517-887-4312 for more information.



Capital Area Take Back Meds Program

Safely dispose of unwanted medicine at one of the local drop off sites. Go to www.takebackmeds.org to find out where or call 517-887-4312.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Double bag CFLs in sealable plastic bags and drop off at any of the following locations:

- Board of Water and Light Customer Service Center
1232 Haco Drive
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., M-F
- Any Home Depot Store
- Ingham County Hazardous Waste Collection
- Visit www.recyclethatcfl.com for additional locations



FOOD WASTE

Over 10% of the waste found in the recent trash audit was food waste and organic materials. Reduce food waste by buying only the amount you'll eat. If you do have spoiled food or trimmings, compost them in your backyard rather than putting them in your trash or down the drain. Especially keep fats, oils and greases out of the drain since they can cause sewer backups and problems at the waste water treatment plant. See page 3 for information about CART's Backyard Composting Packet.



Virg Bernero, Mayor



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This Newsletter*

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